

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 01-10-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-5, 8, and 10-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William R. Silverio on May 9, 2005.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

4. Claim 1 should now read:

1. A method for configuring the display of a website to emulate the look and feel of an application program, comprising:

in response to a navigation command to access and display a content webpage, accessing and displaying a border webpage comprising a table comprising a plurality of border cells surrounding a center cell, the center cell including an inline frame and the border cells each displaying a corresponding border image, the border images combining to form a border around the inline frame;

in response to accessing and displaying the border webpage, causing the inline frame to access and display the content webpage in the inline frame, wherein the content webpage is displayed entirely within the inline frame, and wherein the number of said plurality of border cells surrounding said center cell remains fixed, and

in response to a second navigation command to access and display a second content webpage, replacing the previously displayed content webpage with the second content webpage in the inline frame and accessing the second content webpage,

wherein the border webpage and the content webpage are displayed in a display area of a web browser; and

wherein the method further comprises, in response to a resize command for resizing the display area of the web browser, displaying the border webpage and the content webpage, resizing the plurality of border cells, and retiling the repeated images accordingly.

Claim 7 has been canceled by the applicant.
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The examiner considered the Applicant's Amendment filed on 01-10-05 and after updated search, no other prior art of record has taught that which was presented in the amended claims
3. Therefore, claims 1, 3-5, 8, and 10-21 are allowable.
4. Independent claims 1, 10, 12, 18, and 19, when considered as a whole, are allowable over the prior art of record. Burch et al. teaches the website with the look and feel of an application program, see column 3, line 38, a plurality of border cells, see column 25, line 37, the center cell including an inline frame, see col. 29, line 19, the border cells that include border images, see column 29, line 62 and column 30, line 10, the content webpage being displayed entirely within the inline frame, see column 24, lines 49-67, the number of border cells surrounding the inline frame remaining fixed, see column 25, lines 37-55 and figures 14B and 14C. In addition Brobst teaches the ability to access and display a second content webpage in the inline frame (see page 1, line 57 and column 2, line 59 through column 3, line 11). However, specifically the prior art of record fails to clearly teach or support the limitations of in response to a resize command resizing the display area and retiling the repeated images accordingly.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis G. Bonshock whose telephone number is (571) 272-4047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeza can be reached on (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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